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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology
SUBJECT: IDEALIST/TACKLE Mission C178C

1. IDEALIST/TACKLE mission C178C was flown on 22 October 1968 utilizing the "H" camera. The route was designed to stay off shore and obtain photo coverage of coastal targets on Hainan Island and the China mainland. The mission entered mission area around Hainan Island and proceeded along the southeast China coast to a point abeam Swatow.

2. The mission departed [redacted] and landed [redacted]. The pilot was [redacted] his sixth operational mission. This was the eighth IDEALIST/TACKLE operational mission of this year and the third in the last four days.

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3. The weather along the entire route was forecast to be Category II patchy III (1/8 to 2/8 normal with 2/8 to 4/8 occasional cloud cover). The pilot reported the weather as Category II (1/8 to 2/8 cloud cover) on the first two flight lines along Hainan Island. Category I (0 to 1/8 cloud cover) for the remainder of the flight lines except for the last 25 miles which were Category V (8/8 cloud cover).



5. No contrail or aircraft, or unusual sightings were reported by the pilot. The pilot did report sighting a bridge approximately 3000 feet long at 2140N 11154E.

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